eliminating pest incubation in the product especially the mangoes for gaining access to overseas markets.

4. Grant of Air Freight Subsidy for exports of floriculture! items and select fresh fruits and vegetables.

5. Arranging promotional compaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

6. setting up of integrated cargo handling and cold storage facilities at various International Airports for handling export of perishable items such flowers, fresh fruits and vegetable.

7. Providing assistance in development of data base and dissemination of market information.

8. Providing assistance for setting up of laboratories for testing of products to ensure quality, eliminating contramination & ensuring freedom from fungi and bacteria.

9. Double weightage is provided to the exporters from North Eastern Region for fulfilling export obligations for the purpose of granting the status of Export House, Trading House etc.

10. The minimum export obligation for the units located in Export Promotion Industrial Parks in the North East has been kept at 25% of the production as against 33% which is the norm.

**Growth Centres in Bihar**

2365. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Growth Centres sanctioned for Bihar for promoting rapid industrialisation of the State;

(b) the details of such centres;

(c) whether all the Growth Centres in the State have become functional by now;

(d) if not, which are the Growth Centres which are yet to become functional and reasons for their being non-starter; and

(e) the remedial action Government propose to take to ensure

that Growth Centres in the State become functional within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Following 6 growth centres have been sanctioned in Bihar under the Growth Centre Scheme:

| SI. No. | Name of the Growth Centre (District) |
|---|---|
| 1. | Begusaria (Begusarai) |
| 2. | Bhagalpur (Bhagalpur) |
| 3. | Chhapra (Chappra) |
| 4. | Darbhanga (Darbhanga) |
| 5. | Hazaribagh (Hazaribagh) |
| 6. | Muzaffarpur(Muzaffarpur) |

(c) and (d) The Growth Centre Projects are implemented by the State Government. Reports received from Govememnt of Bihar show that the processs of site selection/land acquisition is time consuming and development of industrial plots is yet to commence to make the Growth Centres functioning in the State.

(e) As per the Scheme, the implementation by the State is monitored by the State Level Committee. Repeated reviews, quarterly, undertaken in the Ministry are communicated impressing upon the State Government to speed up implementation.

**Revival of Mysore Lamps Ltd.**

2366. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Karnataka Government has approached the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction seeking extension to submit a revised proposal for the revival of Mysore Lamps Ltd.; and

(b) Whether Government will allow extension of time to safeguard the interests of 1600 employees?